GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1220
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FLOOD PROBLEM IN ASSAM
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive action plan has been laid down by Government to handle the perennial flood problem in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the flood devastations suffered during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(c) the manner in which the damage is likely to be averted during the current year, 2002-2003?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a): Ministry of Water Resources, the nodal Ministry for flood control measures, is supporting efforts of the State Government for handling the floods.

(b): The damage caused due to floods in Assam during last three years has been as under:-

Year	No. of affected	Districts affected	Human lives lost	Cropped area(lakh hectare)
1999-2000	12	3	1.06	
2000-2001	19	32	2.24	
2001-2002	12	-	0.13	

(c): The State Government has been advised by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Water Resources for taking appropriate preventive measures so as to reduce the impact of losses on account of floods. These include timely maintenance and monitoring of all flood protection works, preparation of contingency plans in advance for disaster mitigation, organising awareness programme amongst population susceptible to floods, clearing of choked drains, culverts, etc., monitoring of reservoir levels and general gearing up of flood fighting and disaster relief machinery.